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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Previously Presented) A data processing apparatus operable to execute a process on copyrighted data within an obtained right, said apparatus comprising:
 - a data storage unit operable to store the data;
 - a right information storage unit operable to store a process right that is required for executing the process on the data stored in said data storage unit;
 - an input unit operable to input an instruction for the data stored in said data storage unit;
 - a control unit operable to determine, based on the process right stored in said right information storage unit, whether the instruction is to be executed or not;
 - a process execution unit operable to execute the instruction; and
 - a display unit operable to display the process right stored in said right information storage unit on a screen, wherein said display unit is operable to display the process right in different manners depending on whether the process is allowed or not.
2. (Previously Presented) The data processing apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising a data receiving unit operable to
 - receive the data stored in said data storage unit through a communication channel, and
 - obtain the process right stored in said right information storage unit through the communication channel.
3. (Previously Presented) The data processing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said process execution unit includes a data copy unit operable to copy the data stored in said data storage unit to a removable storage medium and to delete the data copied to the storage medium based on a determination by said control unit.
4. (Previously Presented) The data processing apparatus according to claim 3, wherein said right information storage unit is operable to store storage medium information for identifying the storage medium, and

said display unit is operable to display the storage medium information on a screen.

5. (Previously Presented) The data processing apparatus according to claim 4, wherein said display unit is operable to display the storage medium information of the storage medium on the screen when said input unit selects the data copied to the storage medium.

6. (Previously Presented) The data processing apparatus according to claim 4, wherein the storage medium information is a storage medium identifier which is unique to the storage medium.

7. (Previously Presented) The data processing apparatus according to claim 4, wherein the storage medium information is an identifier which is assigned to the storage medium for identification.

8. (Previously Presented) The data processing apparatus according to claim 3, wherein said control unit is operable to output a warning signal when determining that the instruction for copying the data to the storage medium is not to be executed; and said display means unit is operable to display a warning screen based on the warning signal.

9. (Previously Presented) The data processing apparatus according to claim 8, wherein said display unit is operable to make a display on the warning screen for prompting a user to obtain a process right that is required for copying the data.

10. (Previously Presented) The data processing apparatus according to claim 3, wherein said control unit is operable to output a warning signal when determining that the instruction for deleting the data from the storage medium is not to be executed, and said display unit is operable to display a warning screen based on the warning signal.

11. (Previously Presented) The data processing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said display unit is operable to display one or more icons on the screen corresponding to the process right stored in said right information storage unit.

12. (Previously Presented) The data processing apparatus according to claim 11, wherein said display unit is operable to display as many icons on the screen as the number of executions that are specified by the process right stored in said right information storage unit.

13. (Previously Presented) The data processing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said display unit is operable to display on the screen the process right to data that can be processed in a set process mode.

14. (Previously Presented) The data processing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said display unit is operable to display on the screen the process right stored in said right information storage unit by switching a display method based on a set display mode.

15. (Previously Presented) The data processing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said control unit is operable to output a warning signal when determining that the instruction is not to be executed, and
said display unit is operable to display a warning screen based on the warning signal.

16. (Previously Presented) A data processing method for executing a process on copyrighted data within an obtained right, said method comprising:

storing the data;

storing a process right that is required for executing the process on the data stored in said storing of the data;

inputting an instruction for the data stored in said storing of the data;

determining, based on the process right stored in said storing of the process right, whether the instruction is to be executed or not;

executing the instruction; and

displaying the process right stored in said storing of the process right on a screen in different manners depending on whether the process is allowed or not.

17. (Previously Presented) A recording medium having a program recorded thereon, said program for executing, on a computer, a data processing method of processing copyrighted data within an obtained right, said method comprising:

storing the data;

storing a process right that is required for executing the process on the data stored in said storing of the data;

inputting an instruction for the data stored in said storing of the data;

determining, based on the process right stored in said storing of the process right, whether the instruction is to be executed or not;

executing the instruction; and

displaying the process right stored in said storing of the process right on a screen in different manners depending on whether the process is allowed or not.

18. (Previously Presented) The data processing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein

the process right comprises a check-out right representing a right to copy the data stored in said data storage unit to a removable storage medium, and

said display unit is operable to display at least one "check-out is possible", "during check-out", and "check-out is impossible" with respect to the check-out right.

19. (Previously Presented) A data processing apparatus for executing a process on copyrighted data within an obtained right, said apparatus comprising:

data storage means for storing the data;

right information storage means for storing a process right that is required for executing the process on the data stored in said data storage means;

input means for inputting an instruction for the data stored in said data storage means;

control means for determining, based on the process right stored in said right information storage means, whether the instruction is to be executed or not;

process execution means for executing the instruction; and

display means for displaying the process right stored in said right information storage means on a screen, wherein said display means displays the process right in different manners depending on whether the process is allowed or not.

20. (Previously Presented) The data processing apparatus according to claim 19, further comprising data receiving means for

receiving the data stored in said data storage means through a communication channel, and

obtaining the process right stored in said right information storage means through the communication channel.

21. (Previously Presented) The data processing apparatus according to claim 19, wherein said process execution means includes data copy means for copying the data stored in said data storage means to a removable storage medium and deleting the data copied to the storage medium based on a determination by said control means.

22. (Previously Presented) The data processing apparatus according to claim 21, wherein said right information storage means stores storage medium information for identifying the storage medium, and

said display means displays the storage medium information on a screen.

23. (Previously Presented) The data processing apparatus according to claim 22, wherein said display means displays the storage medium information of the storage medium on the screen when said input means selects the data copied to the storage medium.
24. (Previously Presented) The data processing apparatus according to claim 22, wherein the storage medium information is a storage medium identifier which is unique to the storage medium.
25. (Previously Presented) The data processing apparatus according to claim 22, wherein the storage medium information is an identifier which is assigned to the storage medium for identification.
26. (Previously Presented) The data processing apparatus according to claim 21, wherein said control means outputs a warning signal when determining that the instruction for copying the data to the storage medium is not to be executed; and said display means displays a warning screen based on the warning signal.
27. (Previously Presented) The data processing apparatus according to claim 26, wherein said display means makes a display on the warning screen for prompting a user to obtain a process right that is required for copying the data.
28. (Previously Presented) The data processing apparatus according to claim 21, wherein said control means outputs a warning signal when determining that the instruction for deleting the data from the storage medium is not to be executed, and said display means displays a warning screen based on the warning signal.

29. (Previously Presented) The data processing apparatus according to claim 19, wherein said display means displays one or more icons on the screen corresponding to the process right stored in said right information storage means.

30. (Currently Amended) The data processing apparatus according to claim ~~29~~¹¹, wherein said display means displays as many icons on the screen as the number of executions that are specified by the process right stored in said right information storage means.

31. (Previously Presented) The data processing apparatus according to claim 19, wherein said display means displays on the screen the process right to data that can be processed in a set process mode.

32. (Previously Presented) The data processing apparatus according to claim 19, wherein said display means displays on the screen the process right stored in said right information storage means by switching a display method based on a set display mode.

33. (Previously Presented) The data processing apparatus according to claim 19, wherein
said control means outputs a warning signal when determining that the instruction is not to be executed, and
said display means displays a warning screen based on the warning signal.

34. (Previously Presented) The data processing apparatus according to claim 19, wherein
the process right comprises a check-out right representing a right to copy the data stored in said data storage means to a removable storage medium, and
said display means displays at least one “check-out is possible”, “during check-out”, and “check-out is impossible” with respect to the check-out right.